

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-10 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 11 has been amended to specify that the engaging means comprises structure extending transversely inwards for engaging a transverse inwards recess of a respective side member of a window frame. Thus, claim 11 calls for the external screening accessory to comprise, in addition to other structure, a screening member, an end member connected with a free end of said screening member and extending parallel with a housing, engaging means provided at either end of said end member, said engaging means being adapted to engage a transverse inwards recess of a respective side member of a window frame, and said engaging means comprising structure extending transversely inwards for engaging a transverse inwards recess. Considering Norquist et al. in connection with claim 11, the Examiner has found that the end member of a retractable screen is indicated by the numeral 6 in Fig. 1 and the engaging means is indicated by the numeral 7. However, the engaging means 7 extends transversely outwards from the member 6. As a result, no structure in Norquist et al. satisfies the limitation relating to the engaging means, wherein the engaging means comprises structure extending transversely inwards. Furthermore, Norquist et al. provides no incentive for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide an engaging means comprising structure extending transversely inwards. Thus, it is submitted that claim 11 is allowable.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 12 as being anticipated by Reese is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 calls for the window frame to be made of profile material having substantially L-shaped cross-section. The window frame of Reese does not have a substantially L-shaped cross-section. For a disclosure of this feature in Reese, the Examiner refers to element B in Fig. 2. The element B of Fig. 2 is not L-shaped or substantially L-shaped. It is not really shaped like any letter in the English alphabet, but might be closest in shape to a Z. As can be seen in Fig. 2, in addition to a left vertical wall and a horizontal wall, the element B has a right vertical wall in which the screw 33 is received. Thus, Reese does not disclose an element having a substantially L-shaped cross-section, as is required by claim 12.

Claim 12 calls for the window frame to be made of profile material. In the window art, a frame being made of "profile material" means that the frame is made from individual members connected to one another. Examples include the profiles disclosed and illustrated in the present application, as well as other commercially available profiles, some of which can be found with an internet search, including the three internet pages attached as Appendices to the present Amendment. "Profile material" does not include the structure of the frame of Reese, because that frame is made in one piece, apparently by molding or casting.

In addition, the Examiner appears to consider the outer surface of the frame B to be the "recess" called for by claim 12. In this regard, it is noted that the outer surface of the frame B has

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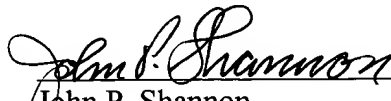
a longitudinal protrusion, perhaps from the molding or casting operation. Reese does not disclose any advantage or function for the exterior surface of its frame B.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claim 12 is also allowable.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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